

RICHARD CLARKE.

JANUARY 3, 1832.

Mr. HUBBARD, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Clarke, report:*

That the petitioner states that he served in the army of the revolution in 1776, three months, and that he was in several campaigns from that time to 1778; that he enlisted in 1778 into Captain Sawyer's company, in Col. Elliot's regiment of artillery, for one year; that he faithfully served out his term, and was honorably discharged; and that he is now poor, and very infirm.

It appears from the depositions of Ezra Chase and Samuel Richmond, that the petitioner did faithfully serve, in the war of the revolution, one year in 1778 and 1779, as by him stated. The magistrate before whom these depositions were taken, has certified that the deponents are respectable men.

It also appears by the deposition of three persons, that the petitioner has two hundred dollars in property. There can be no doubt that the petitioner is in such indigent circumstances, as clearly to be entitled, on that ground, to the benefit of the act of March, 1818; and the only reason why the applicant cannot succeed at the War Department, is, that it has been considered that Col. Elliot's regiment was not on the continental establishment. It is true, that this regiment was raised by the authority of Rhode Island, but it is also true that this regiment rendered very important services to the country during the war of the revolution; and the committee can see no good reason why the men belonging to this regiment are not justly entitled to the benefit of the act of March, 1818, and they have ascertained that such has been the decision of former Congresses in relation to this subject.

Considering that the petitioner was in the army of the revolution a period of nearly three years, and considering that he is now more than seventy years of age, and in very indigent circumstances, the committee report a bill for his relief.

